

THE ERNEST O. JENSEN COLLECTION



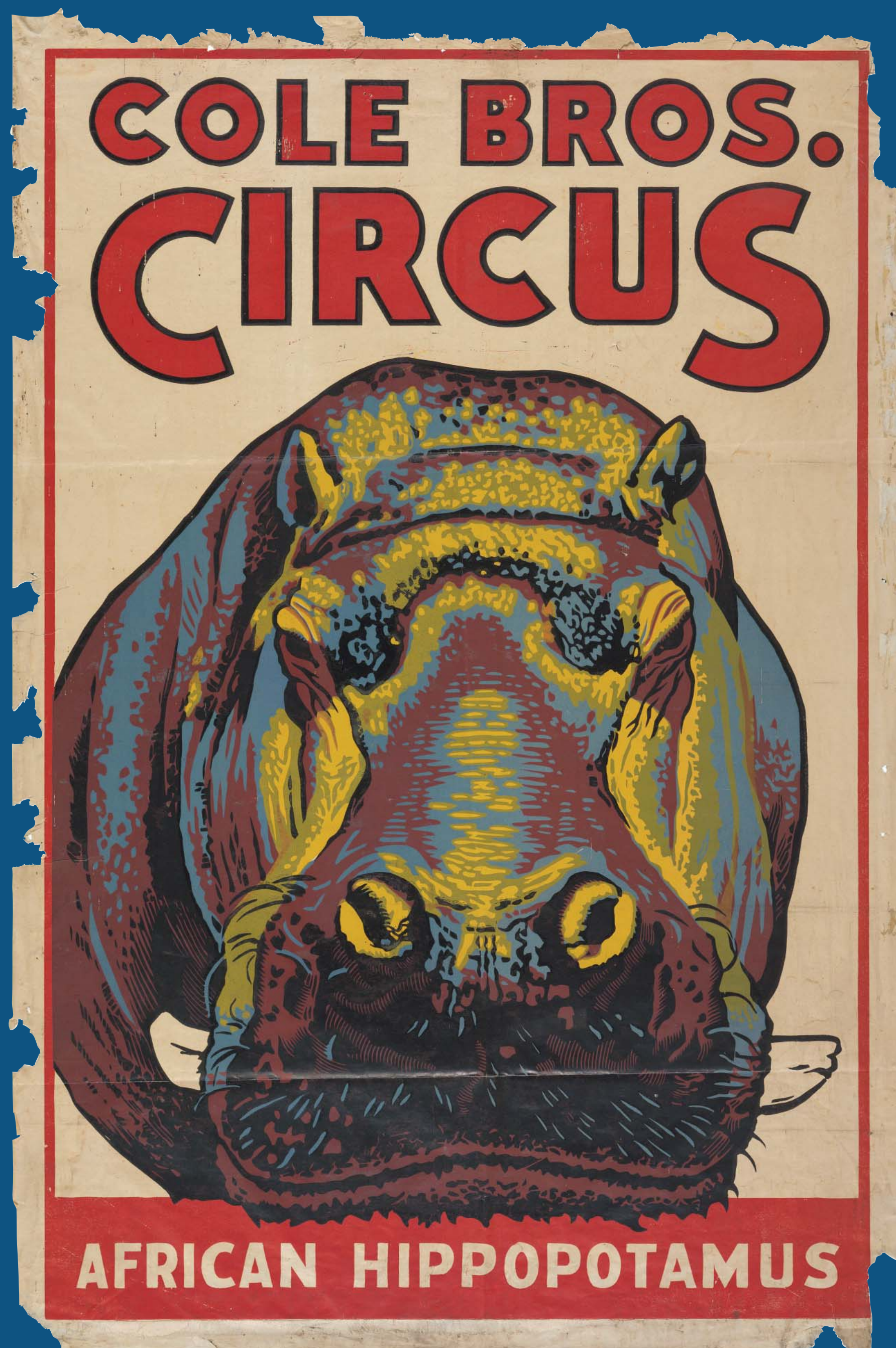
Posters Whose Beauty & Uniqueness have Deservedly Attracted the Admiration of MILLIONS

The majority of posters seen here are from the Ernest O. Jensen Collection of circus posters, donated to the Society in 1981. They offer a rare glimpse into a world that has all but vanished. While the graphic appeal of the posters was paramount to a circus's success, these posters were not intended to last much beyond show day. We are fortunate, however, that collectors such as Jensen managed to preserve this unique view into Washington's past.

Want to see more?

What you see in this exhibit is a small portion of the entire collection. Many posters are in such need of stabilization and repair that we cannot display them. You, however, can help. Your contribution to the circus poster conservation fund will help us raise the thousands of dollars needed to make more posters in the collection available for all to see.

Zoos and animal sanctuaries largely have taken the place of circus "menageries," and side shows featuring people with unique traits are now considered insensitive.



THE EDGES OF THIS 24-INCH BY 48-INCH POSTER SHOW
THE TYPE OF REPAIR WORK THAT IS NEEDED TO PRESERVE
MANY OF THE POSTERS IN THE COLLECTION.

If you are interested in making a contribution to this project,
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